Promotion of tourism in Nagaland

2295. SHRI C. APOK JAMIR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what incentives are being provided by Government for promoting tourism in NE Region; and

(b) what are the areas of focus to improve tourism specially in Nagaland and what is the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Department of Toruism, Government of India has undertaken development of tourism in the NE Region under its schemes for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits and Product Infrastructure and Destination Development. Besides, the Department of Tourism also provides assistance for tourism promotional activities of the North East.

(b) The rich natural beauty, serenity and exotic flora and fauna of the area are invaluable resources for development of eco-tourism. The region is endowed with diverse tourist attractions and each State has its own distinct features. These arractions and the people of the region constitute the tourism resource at large.

An amount of Rs. 816.50 lakhs has been sanctioned to the Government of Nagaland for development of tourism during 10th Five Year Plan so far.

Renovation work at Red Fort

†2296. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the renovation work of Red Fort is not in conformity with archaeological norms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The works on Red Fort, Delhi have been executed in accordance with the provisions of the Conservation Manual and established

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

norms and practices. They are also based upon the old documents and evidence at the sites.

Promotion of Tourism in Assam

2297. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the historical materials exposed after excavation of Maidaam No. 2 at Charaideo of Sivasagar District of Assam have not been properly preserved from the tourist interest point of view; and

(b) whether Government propose to take necessary action to preserve those to promote tourism to this region and interact with the ASI for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Historical materials exposed after excavation of Maidam No. 2 at Charaideo of Sivasagar District of Assam have been properly preserved and the area is being adequately developed from the tourist point of view. While some works such as construction of boundary wall and fencing, toilet block, parking and providing drinking water have been completed, some works are in progress.

Monuments of national importance

2298. DR. DASARI NARAYANARAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of monuments declared as monuments of national importance by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in Andhra Pradesh and other Southern States, State-wise and monument-wise;

(b) what facilities have been provided by ASI for tourist in and around these monuments; and

(c) what efforts are being made for the conservation of these monuments of South India?